

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 90

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

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SCR 38, Cedillo. Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified segment of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Los Angeles as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was born on October 30, 1968, in Parkridge, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda served as a helicopter crew member in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda entered the Los Angeles Police Academy on May 21, 1990, where he earned a reputation as a conscientious cadet; and

WHEREAS, After his appointment as an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, Steven Gajda was assigned to the department's anti-gang unit, called the Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) unit, which operates in the most violent neighborhoods in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda, while serving in the CRASH unit, was shot on December 31, 1997, when identified gang members wanted on murder charges were fleeing the scene of a New Year's Eve disturbance; and

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda died from these injuries the following day, January 1, 1998, his wife's birthday; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death of Steven Gajda who was killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was known as an officer who was willing to accept responsibility and for his humor and artistic talents, drawing caricatures that showed life with the CRASH unit, and his spirit always brought support to his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Steven Gajda is survived by his wife, Belinda; his children, Brandon and Brittany; his father, Steve; his mother, Christine Hester; and his brothers, Mark, Scott, and Brian; and

WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Steven Gajda to name a segment of State Highway Route 60 as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the segment of State Highway Route 60 between its interchange with State Highway Route 10 at post-mile .118 and the Indiana Street overpass at post-mile 1.94 in the City of Los Angeles as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.